

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied."

Jesus

"If in your intense longing for God you hear the reviling of your enemies,
do not give way to fear, but know that such a longing bears an immortal fruit,
and comfort your soul with hope in God."

Athanasius

"God has everything that will refresh you. He is able to fill anyone who comes to him...
This is what I am thirsting for, to reach him and to appear before him.
I am thirsty in my pilgrimage, parched in my running,
but I will be totally satisfied when I arrive."

Augustine



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CALL TO WORSHIP • Nehemiah 9:5-6

Stand up and bless the LORD your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. You are the LORD, you alone. You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and you preserve all of them; and the host of heaven worships you.

Come, Thou Almighty King

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Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 3/4. The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The second staff starts with a measure rest marked with a '4'. The third staff starts with a measure rest marked with an '8'. The fourth staff starts with a measure rest marked with a '12'. The fifth staff starts with a measure rest marked with a '16'. The lyrics continue across these staves, ending with a double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

Come, thou Al - might - y King,
Come, thou In - car - nate Word,
Come, Ho - ly com - for - ter,
To Thee, great One - in Three,
help us thy name to sing, help us to
gird on Thy migh - ty sword, our prayer at -
Thy sac - red wit - ness bear, in this glad
E - ter - nal prais - es be, hence, e - ver -
praise. Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
tend! Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, and give Thy
hour. Thou who al - migh - ty art, now rule in
more. Thy sov - ereign ma - jest - y may we in
to - ri - us, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of
Word suc - cess, Spi - rit of ho - li - ness on us de -
ev' - ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spi - rit of
glo - ry see, and to e - tern - it - y love and a -
Days.
scend!
power!
dore!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • 1 John 1:8, 10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

OFFERING • Matthew 10:8

"Freely you have received. Freely give."

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him, all creatures here below!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

GOSPEL READING • Luke 6:20-26

Jesus lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

²² "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³ Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

26 "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as the King of kings and the Lord of lords:

We pray for our leaders, near and far, that they might love justice and mercy; we pray for our local leaders, that they might promote the peace of the city.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death in triumph over evil and oppression:

We ask you to restrain the wickedness in our city by your Law; we ask you to destroy the wickedness in our own hearts by your Spirit.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as the Prince of peace:

We pray for peace between nations in your world; we pray that this congregation might live in your peace together; we ask you to come again soon to fully establish your peace on earth.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death to reconcile us to God:

We pray for our friends who do not yet know you; we pray for the deepening of our faith in the Gospel of grace.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death to reveal life and immortality through the gospel:

We pray for comfort for those who are suffering in grief, in poverty, in sickness, and in injustice.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, you rose from death as our sympathetic High Priest:

Please hear us as we bring you our requests. (Silent prayer)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray now in the words you taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

For All The Saints

Text: William H. How • Music: Christopher Miner • ©1998 Christopher Miner

Tenor

8 For all the saints who from this
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress
4 la - bor's rest to thee by - faith be - fore the
6 and their might; thou Lord their cap - tain in the
world con - fess thy name O Je - sus, be for -
well fought fight; thou in the dark - ness drear, their
e - ver blessed, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.
one true light, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a Tenor voice part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The tempo is marked with a common time signature 'C' and a note value of 8. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score ends with a double bar line.

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,
Alleluia, Alelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Before The Throne Of God Above

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft • Music: Vikki Cook • ©1997 Sovereign Grace Worship

Alto

The musical score is written for an Alto voice part. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Be-fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per-fect plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ev-er lives and pleads for me My name is gra-ven on His hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de - part No tongue can bid me thence de - part'.

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hands My name is writ - ten on His heart I know that
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part No tongue can bid me thence de - part

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look to see him there, who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free,
for God, the Just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace.
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood,
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Psalm 42 (* indicates a departure from the ESV's translation)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A MASKIL OF THE SONS OF KORAH.

- 1 As a deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and see the face of God?*
- 3 My tears have been my food
day and night,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”
- 4 These things I remember,
as I pour out my soul:
how I would go with the throng
and lead them in procession to the house of God
with glad shouts and songs of praise,
a multitude keeping festival.
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
the face of my salvation.*
- 6 My God, my soul is cast down within me;
therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,
from Mount Mizar.
- 7 Deep calls to deep
at the roar of your waterfalls;
all your breakers and your waves
have gone over me.
- 8 By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.
- 9 I say to God, my rock:
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why do I go mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?”
- 10 As with murder* in my bones,
my adversaries taunt me,
while they say to me all the day long,
“Where is your God?”
- 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
the face of my salvation* and my God.

Psalm 43

- 1 Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
against an ungodly people,
from the deceitful and unjust man
deliver me!
- 2 For you are the God in whom I take refuge;
why have you rejected me?
Why do I go about mourning
because of the oppression of the enemy?
- 3 Send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling!
- 4 Then I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy,
and I will praise you with the lyre,
O God, my God.
- 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
the face of my salvation* and my God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON • “Thirsting For God” (Rev. Eric Costa)



THE UPPER ROOM



CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, “*The peace of Christ be with you.*”)

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE AND PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God’s grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

A Hymn To God The Father

A Poem by John Donne • Music: Matthew H. Curl • Used by Permission

Tenor

Wilt Thou for - give that sin where I be - gun, which
was my sin, though it were done be - fore? Wilt Thou for -
give that sin through which I run, and do run still, though
still I do de - plore? When Thou hast
done, — Thou hast not done, — for I have more, — I have
more. When Thou hast done, — Thou hast not done,
— for I have more, — I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won
others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun
a year or two, but wallow'd in a score?

When thou hast done, thou hast not done,
for I have more, I have more. (2x)

I have a sin of fear that when I've spun
my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
but swear by thyself, that at my death thy sun
shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.

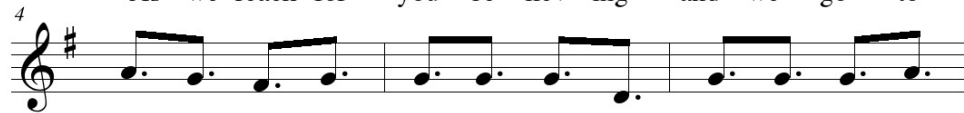
And, having done that, thou hast done.
I fear no more. I fear no more. (2x)

As We Walk Along Beside You

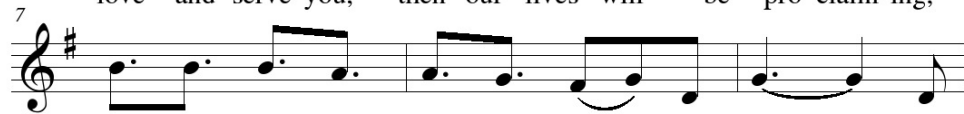
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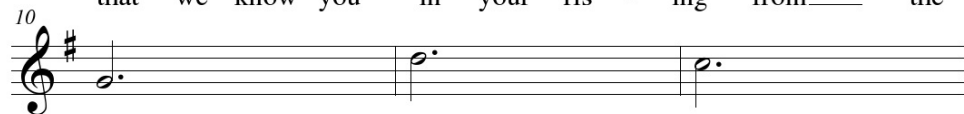
As we walk a - long be - side you and we hear you
As we ask that you stay with us, and we watch what
As we reach for you be - liev - ing and we go to



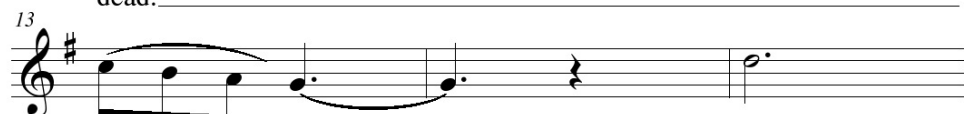
4 speak of mer - cy then it seems our hearts are burn - ing
you are do - ing then our eyes be - gin to o - pen,
love and serve you, then our lives will be pro-claim-ing,



7 for we find you in the shar - ing of _____ the
for we see you in the break - ing of _____ the
that we know you in your ris - ing from _____ the



10 word. A - - - le - - -
bread. _____
dead. _____



13 lu _____ ia. _____ A -



16 le - - lu - ia. _____

BENEDICTION • Psalm 20:1-2, 4

May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!
May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion!
May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans!

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite friends, to introduce others to the Christ-centered community and life of the church! For information about our regular meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.

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After Worship • Please stay a while for coffee and conversation! (There will be no Sunday School today.)

Mercy Sunday • On the first Sunday of each month (today) we participate together in some compassion and relief ministries to help each other and our neighbors in the community...

- **ALMS** — These gifts go toward a fund the deacons use to meet urgent needs as we are made aware of them. (If you need financial help, please let us know! Contact: deacons@ascensionpc.org.)
- **FOOD PANTRY** — The elementary school in the church's neighborhood, W. L. Henry, is an Oregon Food Bank site that serves about 50 families who rely on help like this. Please bring dry or canned beans to donate—let's try to collect 100 items in total! (To volunteer at the pantry, contact Jerilee Costa: jerilee.costa@gmail.com.)

Congregational Meeting • Sun., Mar. 10, after Worship. The purpose of this meeting is to elect Brian Aznoe and Bill Duncan to the office of Deacon, and Tim Sery to the office of Elder. These men were nominated by the congregation, have been trained and examined by the current officers, and are approved by the Session to stand for election. We recommend that you elect them all. Everyone is welcome at the congregational meeting; it is especially important for members to attend in order to vote.

Potluck Lunch • Sun., Mar. 10, after the Congregational Meeting. Join us in the fellowship hall. Please bring something to share. RSVP to Jerilee Costa so she can get a head count (jerilee.costa@gmail.com).

Refreshments Volunteers • Bringing refreshments to share at church is a great way to practice hospitality. Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Today: Douglas

Next week: Bonifield

Nursery Volunteers • Can you play with young children and help their parents once every 6-8 weeks? Join the nursery rotation! Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).

Today: Rickis

Next week: Elliott



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- ☐ I would like to get coffee with the Pastor.
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